

ADDRESS BY S. JIM THURMOND, CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED STATES  
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It is a pleasure to be in Moncks Corner and meet with my friends here as we resume the last lap of the senatorial campaign meetings which is making political history in our state.

Last week we had tremendous meetings in the Piedmont and Democrats turned out by the thousands to hear the issues in this campaign discussed. There has never been any question as to how the people of the Low Country stood in this fight for South Carolina democracy. I can tell you now that the people of the Piedmont are just as much aroused as you are down here over the program of Harry Truman, the man my opponent supported for President to ram down our throats his civil rights program to destroy the South.

From the mountains to the sea, the Democrats of South Carolina are determined that this state once again shall repudiate Trumanism and remove from the Senate the Trumanite who has misrepresented this State in the eyes of the nation.

The Democratic party of South Carolina called on its leaders in 1948 to stand firm in their support of the States Rights ticket but my opponent did not answer the call. He ran off with the Truman crowd. He made his political bed with that Pendergast bunch and regardless of how hard he may try he cannot now get out of it.

The Democrats of Berkeley county voted 5 to 1 for the States Rights ticket of the Democratic Party of South Carolina, and against my opponent's candidate for President, and I know you are not going to forget my opponent's desertion of the Democratic party of South Carolina when you go to the polls next Tuesday.

South Carolina was out in the forefront of the fight for States Rights in 1948 and you people here in Berkeley county I am sure are proud of the fact that the seeds we planted two years ago are now bearing fruit.

Florida and North Carolina have now joined in the march of Southern



democracy which is ing to enable us to restore control of the national Democratic party to true Democrats who believe in the traditional principles of the party.

The same outside minority bloc organizations which undertook to return Trumanites to the Senate in Florida and North Carolina are at work in South Carolina. They thought when this campaign began that they could divide the white Democrats of this state and by bloc voting dominate this election. But now they know they are not going to get away with it.

Let me show you something of what happened in North Carolina. I have before me the official returns from six negro precincts in the first primary there. It will be interesting for you to see just how the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, and their policy ally, the CIO Political Action Committee, operates with their bloc voting.

In Raleigh precinct No. 10. Graham received 493 votes and Smith 9; in precinct 16, Graham received 518 and Smith 18; in Durham Hillside precinct, Graham received 1514 votes and Smith 7 and in Pearson School precinct, Graham received 1187 and Smith 8. In Charlotte precinct number 2, Graham received 512 votes and Smith 11 and in Greensboro precinct number 5, Graham received 1231 votes and 12 went for Smith.

From these six representative negro precincts over North Carolina, the Graham received 5455 votes and Smith received only 65 votes.

When the real Democrats of North Carolina saw the evil work of these outside minority bloc organizations in the first primary for the Truman candidate, they rose up in the second primary, 100,000 votes changed, and the candidate running on a platform of States Rights and Southern Democracy defeated the man who stood for Truman.

These outside minority groups have poured their resources into this state and they boast they have over 75,000 negroes registered in what was a white primary in this state until that turn coat federal judge in



Charleston started on his rampage to tear down the barriers we had set up to protect our government in South Carolina. But I can tell you today that the real Democrats of South Carolina are not going to let this bloc voting dominate this primary. They are closing ranks and we are going to win a victory <sup>July 11th</sup> ~~next July~~ which will prove to these outside minority organizations for all time that they cannot come into our state and by bloc voting <sup>become</sup> ~~becoming~~ a balance of power against the white people in this state and destroy ~~the~~ the kind of government we have struggled all these years to build up.

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I would like to remind the people in Berkeley county that as a member of the Senate I was a member of the legislative steering committee which drafted the Santee-Cooper legislation and helped pass it ~~thru~~ through the legislature. I take pride in this great development which is meaning so much to you here in this county and section of the state.